If I had to say it simply...
It was "love at first sight."
It's 10th year of Kyouhou (1725). In the land of Suruga.
I was the eldest son of a samurai family, however, I threw away my affiliation and privilege, and used the knowledge I had for people belonging to the lower class and opened a temple school.
The damage brought by this years' drought is bad.
The village is bound to poverty.
Even so, we had yet to see the blessing of rain...
In midst of that, one day he appeared before me...

MIN
MIN
MIN
MIN
MIN
MIN
COME HERE, NOW!
WHAT I SAID...
SORA!!
THAT'S...
MIN
MIN
MIN
MIN
MIN
MIN
DON'T YOU TOUYA ME! COME HERE, SORA!
HE WAS UP THERE...
swing
Here, see, here!
TOUYA.
I KNOW YOU'RE THERE!
Somehow he understands me but
crack
crack
crack
crack
WHAT I SAID THE OTHER DAY
creep
YOU ATE BUGS AGAIN, HUH! AND I TOLD YOU SO MANY TIMES NOT TO!
..seems like common sense doesn't get through to Sora

wave
SO SORRY,
TOUYA
wave
SO-RRY
wave
AAH... THE... THE ROOF...
steam
steam
sigh...
TOU-YA,
SO-RRY.
drop
drop
BAM
Sora...
And...
MIN MIN
MIN MIN
MIN MIN
...doesn't like to be touched.
I'M SORRY
AH
Move
!!

I believe he was alone ever since he was abandoned by his parents...
I wonder why he decided to do so.
Sora doesn't talk about his feelings and keeps his heart shut
...wanted...
I only...
...and protect...
...to stay by his side...
ENTANI-SENSEI.
...him, a child.

GOOD DAY. THE WATER WELL IN THE VILLAGE IS NOT LOOKING GOOD SO I THOUGHT MAYBE YOU COULD TAKE A LOOK.
YES?
slide
SEN-SEI
I'M JUST GOING TO GET MY TOOLS.
MY, THAT WOULD REALLY HELP.
IS THAT SO? I SHALL DO THAT IMMEDI-ATELY.
SORA.
I'M GOING OUT FOR A BIT, BUT I'LL BE BACK SOON.
WELL THEN, I'M OFF.
THIS YEAR, RAIN IS REALLY NOT FALLING, HUH.
SORA, YOU ARE TO STAY IN THE HOUSE UNDERSTAND?

I'VE KEPT YOU WAITING
MY...!
THAT THING... SENSEI! YOU'RE HARBOURING THAT DEVIL'S CHILD AGAIN?!
WHAT'S THAT?
Ahaha
THE DEVIL'S PLEASE HE'S A HUMAN CHILD.
Come, let's go.
MIN MIN MIN MIN
MIN MIN MIN MIN
SORA~ I'M BACK~
TWIT TWIT

STEP
STEP
STEP
TOUYA!
AH, STILL NO RAIN, HUH...
Haa
so hot
AND WATER WELL IS DRIED UP WHAT SHOULD WE DO...
HUH? WHAT IS IT, SORA?
?
stare
I

Squeeze
grab
With small steps,
Cute...
as he only knows how to,
smile
he's trying to open his heart.
twit twit
GASP
AAH
SORA ...?!

AAAAARG...
WHAT IS IT?!
RUN
RUN
AHH...!
!
THIS DEVIL BIT A CHILD!
AAAH...
Sob
Sob
I KNEW IT. IT'S BEST TO BANISH HIM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
YOU'RE A GOD OF DISEASE!
OUT WITH YOU!
THROW
STOP IT!
SEN-SEI!
rustle

EVEN SO, THAT IS NOT SOMETHING TO THROW A STONE FOR, RIGHT?!
Why...
THAT THING BIT MY CHILD!
B-BUT...
HOW IMMA-TURE! WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING!
Anyway.
wipe
WHY DID YOU DO THAT?
SORA.
It was only a children's fight...
I have to clear up this misunder-standing...
I have to reassure villagers.
ANYWAY, TAKE THE CHILD INSIDE! I'LL TREAT HIM.

SENSEI, PLEASE HURRY AND THROW HIM AWAY SOMEWHERE!
This is bad.
THIS IS WHY OUT-SIDERS...!
SORA
COME WITH ME.
shudder
I don't like where this is going
ALRIGHT...

HE'LL BE FINE BUT HE SHOULD REST FOR A WHILE.
THANK YOU, SENSEI!
NOW... SORA.
COME HERE AND APOL-OGIZE
COME ON! SENSE TOLD YOU TO APOLO-GIZE!
HIT
WAIT..!
STOP IT!!
COME HERE!
shudder
SCRATCH

WAAH
!
YOU... BASTARD!
GRAB HIM!
WAIT.. WAIT PLEASE!
No...!
It shouldn't be like this...
DASH

SENSEI?!
THE VILLAGE WILL BE SAFE NOW...
Didn't he tell me a lot...
No..
I'M GLAD..
He doesn't speak much..?
SORA!
RUSTLE
He responded to my pleading feeling...
RUSTLE
Didn't he tell me that he's lonely?!
...of wanting to
SORA ...?!
RUSTLE
Was

splash
scratch
splash
!...?
reflect
haa
SORA...!
!?
WOOSH

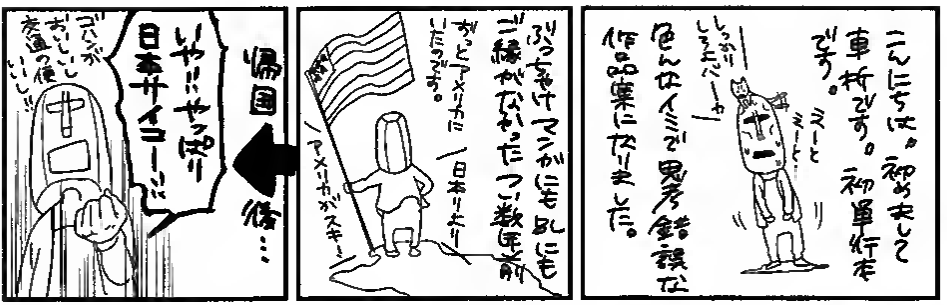
Thump
SORA...I'M SORRY.
Splash
SORRY
turn
!!
Slap
!?

SPLASH
SORA!
Nothing will change...
If this continues, Sora will be alone again...
No good...
For this to end...
PLEASE WAIT, SORA..!
SPLASH
SPLISH
SPLISH
WAIT..
DON'T..
...before we could understand each other...
grab
PLEASE DON'T GO, SORA...
SPLASH

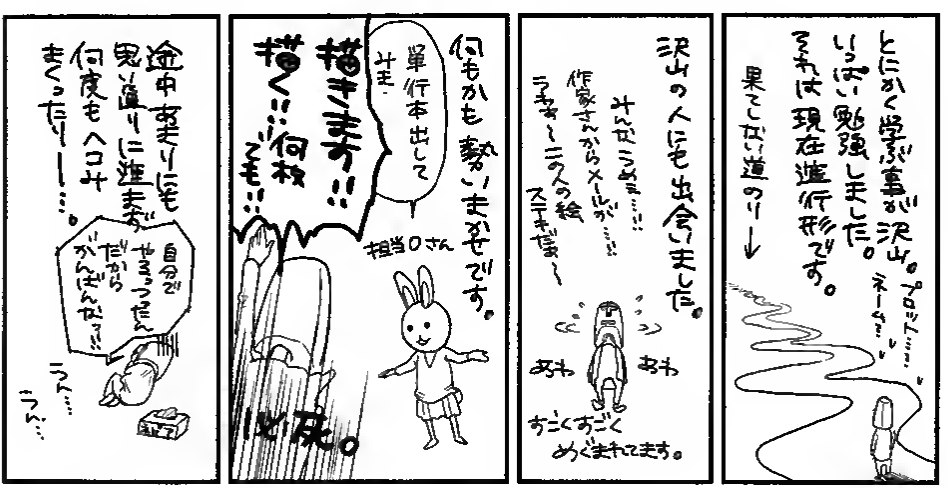
PLEASE STAY WITH ME.
I...
WON'T LEAVE YOU ALONE.
sob
sob
...
...clinging to me.
Wing
Aaah...

In the end
A while later the village received the blessing of rain...
Sora left the village and returned to the mountain.
That is because
chirp
chirp
However I regret nothing...
TOUYA!
Now... and forever we'll be together...
rustle
END

POSTSCRIPT



おれよおれよという間に…。正直恐しかったです…



そして やって来ました
今回の 一大イベント…

連日 パソコンに過度な
負担をかけてるウチに――…。
おらおらっ 出たナ～
ワシもがんばったんだから
おまえもがんばんだよ
オラ 一心同体だろ!!
…もう ムリ…!!
ムリだって…!!

リンゴ――ン
ムリ…す…
リンゴ――ン

ガクッ…

それは まさに 入稿直前。
ナオ!! 入稿だ～

とうとう パソコンの
ハード自体が
やられた。

入力ファイルが存在しないかまたは壊れているため、
起動できませんでした。
[drive:\path\to\system32\hal.dll]
上記のファイルをインストールし直してください。

ええっ!?
何この マジかよ!!
展開!!!
あぁ～
おぉ～
おぉ～

あまりにも ビックリ
したもんで 人生で経験
した事ない程 動揺する。
時が経つにつれ ふくれ
上がる不安――…。

ちんもく。

朝方4時に
大暴走

とにかく 身内を
たたき起こしまくる始末。
まさに 理性がぶっとびました――…。

うおおお

壊れたその日の内に
おにゅーのパソコンが届き
フル稼動させて
ひたすら描く！！

その日の内に
作業再開できたのは
二人のおかげです…

とにかく仕上げなければ!!
の一心。

作品に関しては、随分前から、したためてきたネタばかりでしたが…

それを実際形にするのは難しい…。そしてそれ以上に楽しい事だと知りました。

描き下ろし80P強。
沢山の人に支えられてきた（つーか私がよりかかりすぎた…）おかげで仕上がりました…。

もう…ひたすら
ありがとうと
ごめんなさいで
いっぱいです。
アタマあがりません…

図々しくも
みんな
大スキです

♡

あまえてばっかで
ごめんなさい。

Special Thanks

読んで下さった方、
担当さん はぴめ 編集部の方々、
おりがとうございました！

カズミ、コイ、もっちが君、ちかちゃん
お父さん＆お母さん、エリナちゃん
サキちゃん、ハコ、コウちゃん
がんばって！って最強の元気玉をくれた
大切な友だちへ。

Thanks multiple a billion-times!
love you all
and
keep in touch XOXO

END